

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A method according to either claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, characterized in that the operational status of the highest priority signaling D channel is regularly tested (17) when said channel is not in service.

4. (Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the use of one or more B channels is neutralized (23) if the D channel in service is not sufficiently functional.

5. (Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that an access provides thirty B channels.

6. (Amended) A method according to ~~either claim 1 or claim 2~~ claim 1, characterized in that a channel (26) formed in a signaling path of another access is constituted as an additional D channel.